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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM GOI COAST GUARD IN ACQUIRING  
NEW HELO

REF: REYKJAVIK 1136

1. PETUR SIGURDSSON, DIRECTOR OF GOI COAST GUARD, HAS APPROACHED EMBASSY WITH REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ACQUIRING ANOTHER HELICOPTER TO REPLACE ONE WHICH WAS WRECKED (REFTEL). HE SAYS DAMAGE SO GREAT REPAIR WOULD BE UNECONOMICAL. HE UNDERSTAND USCG MAY HAVE IN RESERVE STORAGE SEVERAL SIMILAR CRAFT AND INQUIRES WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE ACQUIRE ONE ON LOAN, RENTAL OR PURCHASE BASIS. HE BELIEVES USCG MAY BE PLANNING RETIRE PRESENT CRAFT IN NEXT FEW YEARS WHEN LATER TYPE APPEARS ON MARKET AND HE ALSO HOPES ACQUIRE NEWER CRAFT FOR GOI CG. THEREFORE, HE FIRST PREFERENCE WOULD BE RECEIVE CRAFT ON LOAN OR RENTAL BASIS UNTIL NEW VERSION AVAILABLE.

2. SIGURDSSON STRESSED HE HAD IN MIND NO AUGMENTATION OF CG STRENGTH BUT SIMPLY REPLACEMENT FOR HELO WRECKED. OTHER TWO HELOS BELONGING TO GOI CG ARE SHORT-RANGE CRAFT OPERATING FROM CG CUTTERS AND WRECKED HELO WAS ONLY ONE AVAILABLE FOR SHOREBASED SAR WORK. SIGURDSSON SAID HE HAD APPROVAL OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE OLAFUR JOHANNESSON (UNDER WHOM CG FALLS) FOR APPROACH AND IT BEING DONE WITH KNOWLEDGE OF FONMIN. TYPE CRAFT DESIRED IS USCG HH-52A (SIKORSKY S-62A COAST GUARD

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3. WHILE EMBASSY IS SENSITIVE TO ANY CONCERNS ABOUT APPEARING TO ASSIST GOI CG IN ENHANCING SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITIES DURING CRITICAL FISHING LIMITS DISPUTES, WE BELIEVE SUCH CHARGES NOT LIKELY TO BE MADE IN CASE OF REPLACEMENT PARTICULARLY IF IT WERE SIMPLE PURCHASE BASED ON REESTABLISHMENT OF SAR CAPABILITY. THUS WE SEE NO OBJECTION ON POLITICAL GROUNDS.

4. IF SUCH AIRCRAFT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AND IF DEPARTMENT SEES NO OBJECTION, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO SUGGEST TO SIGURDSSON THAT HE CONTACT USCG DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ACQUISITION.

5. FOREGOING COORDINATED WITH COMICEDEFOR.  
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